BEFORE THE BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

NANCY K. SCHWEIKHARD 1516 Matanzas Road Santa Rosa, CA 95405

Registered Nurse License No. 508784

Case No. 2012-609

OAH No. 2012050383

Respondent

DECISION AND ORDER

The attached Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby adopted by the Board of Registered Nursing, Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in this matter.

This Decision shall become effective on October 30, 2012.

IT IS SO ORDERED October 30, 2012.

Raymond Mallel, President

Board of Registered Nursing

Department of Consumer Affairs

State of California

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8	BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
9	STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Case No. 2012-609
	NANCY K. SCHWEIKHARD OAH No. 2012050383
12	1516 Matanzas Road Santa Rosa, CA 95405 STIPULATED SURRENDER OF
13	Registered Nurse License No. 508784 LICENSE AND ORDER
14	Respondent.
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16	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties in this
17	proceeding that the following matters are true:
18	<u>PARTIES</u>
19	1. Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN (Complainant) is the Executive Officer of the Board of
20	Registered Nursing. She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in
21	this matter by Kamala D. Harris, Attorney General of the State of California, by Brett A.
22	Kingsbury, Deputy Attorney General.
23	2. Nancy K. Schweikhard (Respondent) is representing herself in this proceeding and
24	has chosen not to exercise her right to be represented by counsel.
25	3. On or about February 23, 1995, the Board of Registered Nursing issued Registered
26	Nurse License No. 508784 to Respondent. The Registered Nurse License was in full force and
27	effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 2012-609 and will expire on
28	October 31, 2012, unless renewed.

JURISDICTION

4. Accusation No. 2012-609 was filed before the Board of Registered Nursing (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on April 6, 2012. Respondent timely filed her Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 2012-609 is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- Respondent has carefully read, and understands the charges and allegations in
 Accusation No. 2012-609. Respondent also has carefully read, and understands the effects of this
 Stipulated Surrender of License and Order.
- 6. Respondent is fully aware of her legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel, at her own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against her; the right to present evidence and to testify on her own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
- 7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

CULPABILITY

- 8. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation No. 2012-609, agrees that cause exists for discipline and hereby surrenders her Registered Nurse License No. 508784 for the Board's formal acceptance.
- 9. Respondent understands that by signing this stipulation she enables the Board to issue an order accepting the surrender of her Registered Nurse License without further process.

CONTINGENCY

10. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board of Registered Nursing.

Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board of

Registered Nursing may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and surrender, without notice to or participation by Respondent. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that she may not withdraw her agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Surrender and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.

- 11. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 12. This Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is intended by the parties to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement. It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions, negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated Surrender of License and Order may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a writing executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.
- 13. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Order:

<u>ORDER</u>

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Registered Nurse License No. 508784, issued to Respondent Nancy K. Schweikhard, is surrendered and accepted by the Board of Registered Nursing.

1. The surrender of Respondent's Registered Nurse License and the acceptance of the surrendered license by the Board shall constitute the imposition of discipline against Respondent. This stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline and shall become a part of Respondent's license history with the Board of Registered Nursing.

- 2. Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as a registered nurse in California as of the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.
- 3. Respondent shall cause to be delivered to the Board her pocket license and, if one was issued, her wall certificate on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order.
- 4. If she ever applies for licensure or petitions for reinstatement in the State of California, the Board shall treat it as a petition for reinstatement. Respondent must comply with all the laws, regulations and procedures for licensure in effect at the time the application or petition is filed, and all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 2012-609 shall be deemed to be true, correct and admitted by Respondent when the Board determines whether to grant or deny the application or petition.
- 5. If and when Respondent's license is reinstated, she shall pay to the Board costs associated with its investigation and enforcement pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3 in the amount of \$3,082.50. Respondent shall be permitted to pay these costs in a payment plan approved by the Board. Nothing in this provision shall be construed to prohibit the Board from reducing the amount of cost recovery upon reinstatement of the license.
- 6. If Respondent should ever apply or reapply for a new license or certification, or petition for reinstatement of a license, by any other health care licensing agency in the State of California, all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation, No. 2012-609 shall be deemed to be true, correct, and admitted by Respondent for the purpose of any Statement of Issues or any other proceeding seeking to deny or restrict licensure.
- 7. Respondent shall not apply for licensure or petition for reinstatement for two (2) years from the effective date of the Board of Registered Nursing's Decision and Order.

ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the Stipulated Surrender of License and Order. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Registered Nurse License. I enter into this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Board of Registered Nursing.

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1	DATED: MANUT 1, 2012 MANCY K. SCHWEIKHARD
2	Respondent
3	ENDORSEMENT
4	The foregoing Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby respectfully submitted
5	for consideration by the Board of Registered Nursing of the Department of Consumer Affairs.
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7	Dated: Ag 6, 28(2 Respectfully submitted, KAMALA D. HARRIS
8	Attorney General of California FRANK H. PACOE
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11	BRETT A. KINGSBURY
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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 2012-609

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8	BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
9	STATE OF CALIFORNIA
10	In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Case No. 2012-669
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12	NANCY K. SCHWEIKHARD 1516 Matanzas Road Santa Rosa, CA 95405 A C C U S A T I O N
13	Santa Rosa, CA 95405 Registered Nurse License No. 508784 A C C U S A T I O N
14	Respondent.
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16	Complainant alleges:
17	PARTIES
18	1. Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her
19	official capacity as the Interim Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing, Department
20	of Consumer Affairs.
21	2. On or about February 23, 1995, the Board of Registered Nursing issued Registered
22	Nurse License Number 508784 to Nancy K. Schweikhard (Respondent). The Registered Nurse
23	License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will
24	expire on October 31, 2012, unless renewed.
25	<u>JURISDICTION</u>
26	3. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Registered Nursing (Board),
27	Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section
28	references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.
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- 4. Section 2750 of the Business and Professions Code (Code) provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may discipline any licensee, including a licensee holding a temporary or an inactive license, for any reason provided in Article 3 (commencing with section 2750) of the Nursing Practice Act.
- 5. Section 2764 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the expiration of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary proceeding against the licensee or to render a decision imposing discipline on the license. Under section 2811(b) of the Code, the Board may renew an expired license at any time within eight years after the expiration.

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

6. Section 2761 of the Code states:

"The board may take disciplinary action against a certified or licensed nurse or deny an application for a certificate or license for any of the following:

"(f) Conviction of a felony or of any offense substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a registered nurse, in which event the record of the conviction shall be conclusive evidence thereof.

7. Section 2765 of the Code states:

"A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere made to a charge substantially related to the qualifications, functions and duties of a registered nurse is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this article. The board may order the license or certificate suspended or revoked, or may decline to issue a license or certificate, when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal **Code** allowing such person to withdraw his or her plea of guilty and to enter a plea of not guilty, or setting aside the verdict of guilty, or dismissing the accusation, information or indictment."

8. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1444, states:

"A conviction or act shall be considered to be substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a registered nurse if to a substantial degree it evidences the present or potential unfitness of a registered nurse to practice in a manner consistent with the public health, safety, or welfare. Such convictions or acts shall include but not be limited to the following:

- "(a) Assaultive or abusive conduct including, but not limited to, those violations listed in subdivision (d) of Penal Code Section 11160.
 - "(b) Failure to comply with any mandatory reporting requirements.
 - "(c) Theft, dishonesty, fraud, or deceit.
- "(d) Any conviction or act subject to an order of registration pursuant to Section 290 of the Penal Code."

COSTS

9. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Conviction for Theft)

- 10. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 2761(f) of the Code and section 1444 of Title 16, California Code of Regulations, in that Respondent was convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a registered nurse.
- 11. Specifically, on or about May 5, 2011, in the Superior Court for the County of Sonoma, in the matter entitled *The People of the State of California v. Nancy Kay Schweikhard*, Case No. SCR-596482, Respondent pled no contest to and was convicted of violating California Penal Code § 484(a) (theft), a misdemeanor. The circumstances were that Respondent attempted to steal some items from a Wal-Mart store. Witnesses at the scene reported that, after the stolen items were recovered from Respondent's purse, Respondent became physically and verbally uncooperative and fled the store in her Honda Pilot. Police later located and arrested Respondent at her home.

1	12. Additionally, on or about June 10, 2007, in the Superior Court for the County of
2	Ventura, in the matter entitled The People of the State of California v. Nancy Kay Schweikhard
3	(09-21-1957), Case No. 2007021893MA, Respondent pled nolo contendere and was convicted of
4	violating California Penal Code § 487(a) (grand theft of personal property), a misdemeanor. The
5	circumstances were that Respondent stole clothing in excess of \$400.00 of value from Kohl's.
6	PRAYER
7	WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,
8	and that following the hearing, the Board of Registered Nursing issue a decision:
9	1. Revoking or suspending Registered Nurse License Number 508784, issued to Nancy
10	K. Schweikhard;
11	2. Ordering Nancy K. Schweikhard to pay the Board of Registered Nursing the
12	reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and
13	Professions Code section 125.3;
14	3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.
15	DATED: April 06,202 Jouise K. Bailey
16	LOUISE R. BAILEY, M.ED., RN Interim Executive Officer
17	Board of Registered Nursing Department of Consumer Affairs
18	State of California Complainant
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